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Gentlemen,

On March 14, 1983, the California Division of Oil and Gas recieved primacy over Class II injection wells under the Federal U.I.C. program. This primacy enables the D.O.G. to retain regulatory control over the reinjection of produced oilfield water with certain imposed restrictions and changes. Among these restrictions are non-exempt aquifers which have previously been approved for injection.

Under the new regulations, all injection into these non-exempt aquifers must cease by September 14, 1984. One of these zones is the Santa Margarita zone in Kern River field for which our records show you have a currently approved water disposal project.

An appeal of this decision is being prepared by this Division for submittal to the Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any data you feel may be helpful in this appeal or have any questions regarding the application, please contact this office. Should our appeal be rejected, all injection into the Santa Margarita zone, Kern River field, must be terminated by the September 14, 1984 deadline date.

Yours Truly,

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Gentlemen,

As a result of an appeal made by the Division of Oil and Gas to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the non-exempt status of the Santa Margarita Zone, Kern River field, the previous ruling has been overturned and the currently approved injection intervals in this zone have been exempted for the reinjection of produced oilfield water. This appeal could not have been made and won without your help and we wish to extend our appreciation for your efforts.

The September 14, 1984 deadline for the termination of injection into this zone is therefore rescinded and injection may continue under the prior D.O.G. permit. Should there be any further rulings which may affect any of your underground injection projects, you will be notified.

Yours Truly,

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